PREFACE

Studying Johnson and Scott is a fascinating experience. H. W. Longfellow in his famous poem “The Psalm of life” says that the lives of great men serve as examples for us and show us the way to be great. The biographical sketches contained in these works provide the reader glimpses into the great men’s lives. These works provide the reader glimpses into the greatness of their lives. These glimpses help the reader in understanding their works in a better way. Besides being great biographers, both Johnson and Scott are great critics. A study of these works will reveal their greatness as critics. It will also help the reader in tracing the progress of the English criticism. A work of literature reflects the contemporary life. When one goes through the two Lives one studies the contemporary history as well. Both of them are masters of prose style. All these aspects are in the focus of the present study. I have followed the research methodology suggested by MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. I have used my discretion where necessary.